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Time to Get on the BUS!!

A special opportunity is in store for NCAS members, family, and friends. The **Fall Meeting of the Society** is going to take a bus trip to the 15th Annual Archaeology Festival held in Columbia, South Carolina, hosted by the SC Archaeological Society. This event will take place on **Saturday, October 12, 2002**, so mark your calendars. The bus will **depart at 7:00 a.m. from the parking lot of the Office of State Archaeology** (located at 421 N. Blount Street in downtown Raleigh). The bus will carry us to the event where we should arrive about noon. We will depart Columbia about 5:00 in the evening and arrive back in Raleigh about 9:00 p.m. The **roundtrip cost per person for the bus will be \$15**. Plan to **bring your own lunch** and eat on the bus or picnic when we get to the Festival. We will conduct our Business meeting (including elections) and Board meeting on the bus. A special speaker is also being asked to give us an overview of

South Carolina archaeology (prehistoric and historic) during our bus ride. The Festival is a major event held at the Sesquicentennial State Park; it offers demonstrations of prehistoric and historic techniques and highlights performances by the Plantation Singers, storytelling, pottery making, stone tool making, blow guns, wrought iron making, children's games, artifact identification, exhibits, music, and a popular archaeological auction. This promises to be a fun trip with lots to see at the Festival and a way to share some southern hospitality from our South Carolina Archaeological Society neighbors. Additional details will be given in the next NCAS newsletter along with a reservation deadline. A **capacity of 50 tickets** will be sold for this trip, so watch for the Fall issue of our newsletter to get your reservation in on time. If you have any questions please call Dee or Linda at 919.733.7342 (at OSA). See you on the BUS!!!

Fall Elections Call for Nominees

Kenneth Robinson
Chair of the Nominations Committee

This fall we will have two Board of Director positions open for elections. These are the positions currently held by Linda Hall and Barbara Brooks. Each position will be for a three-year term (2003-2005). If you or anyone you know might be interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please notify one of the members of the nomination committee. (Please ask the person before nominating them.)

The qualifications for the Board of Directors are (1) to be a member of the NCAS, (2) to be willing to attend Board of Director meetings and help conduct the business of the Society, (3) be willing to attend Fall and Spring meetings, and (4) otherwise support the goals and objectives of the NCAS.

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For Those Who Didn't Attend

A Brief Review of the Annual Spring Meeting in Wilson

Tom Beaman

On May 18, the North Carolina Archaeological Society held its annual spring meeting in Wilson. As far as can be determined, this is the first time the NCAS (or its predecessors) has ever met in Wilson.

The festivities actually began early on Friday night, May 17. A reception, co-sponsored by the Society and North Carolina Archaeological Council was held at Imagination Station, a hands-on science museum located in Wilson. The 30 assembled guests included Society members, students (from ECU and Appalachian State University), professional archaeologists, preservationists, and several interested members of the Wilson community. We were treated to a fun evening of live exotic animals and "hands-on" exhibits, courtesy of Jerry Reynolds, the museum's director. Several highlights of this event included the wireless electronic harp, Linda Carnes-McNaughton's races against different electronic animals, and Charlie Ewen's discovery of spiders that eat gelatin (for the moisture it contains). All who attended enjoyed good food, good conversation, and great exhibits.

The following morning, the North Carolina Archaeological Society held its annual Spring meeting at the Wilson Elks Lodge. An estimated 70 people attended the meeting. Thanks to a small advance article in the Wilson Daily Times, approximately a dozen interested locals attended.

The meeting began with President Ken Suggs' welcome and opening remarks. He reminded all that two board seats will need to be filled by election in the fall, as well as the choice of a projectile point chronology exhibit to be organized by member John Mintz (from the Office of State Archaeology) for the State Fair. President Suggs also announced the fall meeting will involve a bus trip to the

Archaeological Society of South Carolina's field day (note: more details are found in this newsletter).

The first speaker of the day was Dr. Randy Daniel of East Carolina University. He spoke on his current and future research at the Barber Creek Site in Greenville. This stratified site holds both Woodland and Archaic components, and potentially earlier deposits, that will (hopefully) be further defined by this summer's ECU archaeological field school. Dr. Daniel also received a nice round of applause for recently receiving tenure at ECU.

Next, Heather Millis of TRC Garrow and Associates spoke on the NCDOT-sponsored excavation of a portion of site 31WL37, a multi-component site partially impacted by the construction of the Wilson Bypass. Ms. Millis directed the excavations at this site in 1999 and discovered evidence of many prehistoric houses, hearths and activity areas, including a number of prehistoric burials of domestic dogs! While the report for this project is still under review, the NCAS appreciates the cooperation of NCDOT in sharing the preliminary results.

In the final paper of the morning, Wilson County Preservation Planner Lu Ann Munson shared her successes of over a decade's work in preserving historic landmarks of Wilson County. Those in attendance were treated to a slide tour through many of the older homes and historic districts of Wilson. Ms. Munson's discussion about preservation well conveyed the common ground shared as well as the challenges faced by archaeologists and preservationists.

Following the speakers and the close of the meeting, almost all remained to enjoy a delicious buffet lunch. Many who attended then spent the remainder of the day exploring the antique outlets and historic districts of Wilson.

2002 NC State Fair

We are planning for the 2002 State Fair exhibit for October 18-27. We have openings if you want to help man our booth located in the Kerr Scott Building. Two people work the booth, so you can sign up your friend to work with you. You will get an entrance pass for the day(s) you work. Please contact Dee Nelms @ 919/733-7342 for available times. **We need your help.** Thanks.

NCAS Newsletter Publication Schedule

All NCAS members are encouraged to submit articles and news items to Dee Nelms, Associate Editor, for inclusion in the *Newsletter*. Please use the following cut-off dates as guides for your submissions:

Spring Issue	February 28
Summer Issue	May 31
Fall Issue	August 31
Winter Issue	November 30

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